

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

March 14, 2000
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Grant Anderson, Glendale, Chairman	Ron Krosting, Mesa
BSB Murthy for Jess Jarvis, ADOT	Glenn Cornwell, Paradise Valley
*William Bates, Avondale	Burton Charron, Peoria
Ty Hofflander, Chandler	Don Herp, Phoenix
*Carl Stephani, Gila Bend	*Bob Ronzo, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
*Rick Allred, Gilbert	Indian Community
Charles Hydeman, Goodyear	Bob Brown, Scottsdale
*Luis Gonzales, Guadalupe	Larry Shobe, Tempe
*Ralph Bossart, Litchfield Park	Manuel Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	*Jesse Mendez, Youngtown

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Ward, MAG

Steve Tate, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grant Anderson at 1:36 p.m.

2. Approval of the February 8, 2000 Meeting Minutes

The February 8, 2000 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Call to the Audience and Stakeholders

There were no members of the public present to address the Committee.

4. Transportation Programming Manager's Report

Paul Ward reported that there would not be a Transportation Review Committee meeting in March. He indicated that, although the earliest CMAQ Pave Dirt Road projects were programmed in FY 2001, these were Maricopa County projects and the County had already taken individual steps to develop an acceptable standard that would likely meet federal standards. Mr. Ward stated that he

would develop, in conjunction with FHWA and ADOT staff, sample rural and urban cross-sections for dirt road paving that could be used by members to as a basis for developing their projects. Mr. Ward understood that the environmental clearances required for federally funded projects would still be needed on individual projects, but he agreed to coordinate with ADOT Environmental staff members to see whether some streamlining of such projects could be accomplished. The Chairman requested that this item be placed on the next agenda.

Mr. Ward then introduced Connie Brown from ADOT Transportation Planning and commended her for achieving a 100 percent statewide compliance in submitting Federal Form 536 reports.

5. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 2000 through 2002 and the Federal Fund Balance

Mr. Ward handed out Attachment One, the report on the status of Federally funded projects programmed for Fiscal Years 2000 through 2002 and the FY 2000 federal fund balances. He indicated that, the most recent information available was for February, 2000, for project statuses and January, 2000, for Federal fund balances. The Chairman requested that these reports should be mailed with the agenda packets and Mr. Ward committed to do this in future months.

Summarizing the Federal fund report, Mr. Ward noted that, under the current circumstances approximately \$3 million in obligation authority (OA) was uncommitted in FY 2000. However, further funds were expected to become available during the fiscal year closeout.

6. Closeout of the Federal Fiscal Year 2000

Continuing from the previous agenda item, Mr. Ward indicated that several requests had been received to carry projects forward to FY 2001, but urged members to start the develop process of the carry forward projects as soon as possible. He stated that the preferred method for developing projects was to start the design of the project at least one year before the project was programmed and that, in order to accomplish the design of such projects with Federal funds, some jurisdictions had requested the advance of Federal funds for the design segment.

Mr. Ward suggested that this was an eligible use of federal funds and would prefer to see a project developed in this manner if it meant that the construction portion of the project would get obligated as programmed. However, the City of Phoenix had requested a slightly different twist in the process. The City had requested the carry forward from FY 2000 to FY 2001 of the construction phases of two of their programmed projects, leaving amounts for the design segments in FY 2000. Mr. Ward did not recommend this approach but suggested that it was arguably a more efficient method than carrying the complete project forward and, possibly, running the risk of running out of time to develop the project. At least the jurisdiction concerned could utilize Federal funds to hire a consultant to process the design of the project to ensure that it would be ready for obligation in the required time frame.

Mr. Ward indicated that approximately \$5 million in project carry forward requests had been received already and that this would mean approximately \$8 million in uncommitted and carry forward funds available during the closeout, in addition to any redistributed OA that may become available.

To complete the interim closeout, Mr. Ward stated that a memo would be sent to all jurisdictions notifying them that requests for advancing projects from future years to FY 2000 should be submitted to MAG by April 6, 2000. Mr. Ward suggested that this memo would be sent to all technical advisory committee members. He urged that, if any members might be interested in advancing a complete project or the design phase of a future year's Federally funded project to FY 2000, they should contact him as soon as possible.

7. Report on the Status of the Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

As requested during the February meeting, Mr. Ward distributed copies of the full Draft FY 2001-2005 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He requested members to review the Draft TIP and advised members that the Management Committee had recommended the program on March 8 and that the Regional Council was expected to approve the TIP for an Air Quality conformity analysis on March 22, 2000.

Mr. Ward indicated that it was possible to make changes to the Draft TIP, depending on the type of project involved and requested members considering changes to contact him or Steve Tate. As part of the TIP change process, Mr. Ward distributed copies of Errata Sheets 01-1 and 01-2 that had been presented to the Management Committee.

8. HPMS Update, Local Street Mileage Estimates

Steve Tate gave a short presentation of the HPMS Data Entry System and indicated that it would be provided for MAG agencies to download from the MAG website by the next meeting. He reported that the data entry system was similar to that used in previous years so most members should be familiar with it. It is also the same type of data entry system as used for the TIP, so most members are aware of how to download, install and run the system. However, Mr. State said that he and Mr. Ward would be happy to assist any members with questions about the system.

Mr. Ward reminded members that the estimate of local mileage within each jurisdiction should be forwarded to MAG staff by April 11, 2000, and that the remaining data was requested by April 30, 2000. He indicated that the main workload would involve the recent request to check ALL of the segments within each jurisdiction (NOT just the sample segments) and please update all of the through lanes that were reported.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.